

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 21st August, 1880.

Sir,

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One of our Silver Melting Rooms is filled to one fifth with piles of silver bars 4 or 5 feet high, amounting to 65,000 lbs. No more space can be spared in the Melting Rooms for more silver.

The thirty (30 tons) on the areas are dangerous, according to the official report of Engineer J. C. Trautwine, from the quivering of the Iron Joists, when our heavy loads of silver are drawn over the area floors, and the hammering effect of the ends of the joists in the Brick walls.

Hon A. London Snowden
Superintendent

Respectfully yours
J A C Booth MVR

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Aug 21, 1880.

Jas. C. Booth
Melter and Refiner.

Flow of Mint
Cant yard made for
on 40 of the weight
of Silver Bars placed
in it.

No. of Enclosures,

Recd Aug. 21st 1880.

[Abstract:] Floor of Mint court yard unsafe on a/c of the weight... 815

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